

(c) The employees of Doordarshan working in the valley are entitled for a special package of financial and administrative incentives in addition to the general benefits available to Central Government employees. Special security is provided to all installations of Prasar Bharati in J & K by the State Government and the security requirements are reviewed periodically.

Committee for improvement of Prasar Bharati

†63. PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had constituted any Expert Committee for bringing about improvements in Prasar Bharati;

(b) if so, whether the said Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(c) if so, what are the suggestions of the Committee and whether Government are in full agreement with the suggestions of the Committee and want to implement it in its original form; and

(d) if so, by when and if not, the reasons therefor and the advantage of constituting the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) The Government had constituted a Committee comprising of Shri N.R. Narayanamurthy, CEO Infosys, Shri Kiran Karnik, MD, Discovery Communications India and Shri Shunu Sen, a well known Marketing Consultant to study the working of Prasar Bharati and keeping in view its responsibility as a public service broadcaster to make appropriate recommendations with regard to its organizational structure, legal framework, systems and other relevant areas to ensure quality, credibility and professionalism within the organization. The Committee has submitted its report on 20th May, 2000. The recommendations/suggestions of the Committee, amongst others, include mission and objective for Prasar Bharati, accountability and structures of Prasar Bharati, financing and funding mechanism, channel positioning, programming content and production, restructuring of transmission and engineering services, improvement in

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marketing, human resource development and exploitation of new technologies. The recommendations also contain certain amendments in the Prasar Bharati Act, 1990. A copy of the report is available at Ministry's website *i.e.* mib.nic.in. View on some of the recommendations of the Committee is to be taken by Prasar Bharati, where as in respect of some others, Government has to take a view. The Government is in the process of consulting the members of the Prasar Bharati Board, representatives of staff and employees unions before taking a final view. The report has also been circulated among the Members of the Consultative Committee to seek their views.

Losses suffered by Doordarshan for telecasting of serials

†64. SHRI RAMA SHANKER KAUSHIK:
PROF. RAM GOPAL YADAV:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Doordarshan had to suffer great losses for telecasting a number of serials during the year 1998-99 and also before it;

(b) if so, what are the total losses including losses suffered during the year 1998-99 and the reasons therefor; and

(c) who has been held responsible by Government for the losses of Doordarshan and what action has been taken against those who are responsible for such losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Shifting of time of International Film Festival of India

65. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the annual International Film Festival of India has been shifted from January to October from this year;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

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